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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TANIGUCHI

Art Unit: 2816

Application No. 09/777,897

Examiner: L. Nguyen

Filed: February 7, 2001

Atty. Docket No. 100353-00039

For: DELAY TIME ADJUSTING METHOD OF DELAYING A PHASE OF AN OUTPUT SIGNAL UNTIL A PHASE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN INPUT SIGNAL AND THE OUTPUT SIGNAL BECOMES AN INTEGRAL NUMBER OF PERIODS OTHER THAN ZERO

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 16, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 16, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3-4 and 6-7 as follows:

3. (Thrice Amended) A delay time adjusting method of adjusting a delay time of an input first periodic signal so that a phase of said input first periodic signal and a phase of an output second periodic signal match each other based on a comparison between phases of said input first periodic signal and said input second periodic signal, the method comprising the step of:

adjusting said delay time so that, when a phase of a predetermined rising edge of said output second periodic signal is behind a phase of a predetermined rising edge of said input first periodic signal, said predetermined rising edge of said output second periodic signal matches a rising edge of said input first periodic signal, a phase of the